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REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

1. A missionary candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to work in accordance with God's will.

2. She must here indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

3. She must declare her intention to make missionary work the service of her effective years. She must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

4. She must furnish satisfactory testimonials in regard to scholarship; some experience in teaching, and a knowledge of medicine and nursing are desirable qualifications.

5. She must present a certificate of health from one of the two competent physicians designated by the Branch, and give satisfactory answers to medical questions.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. Missionary candidates shall be recommended by the Branch in which they reside, before their testimonials are considered by the Board or its Executive. Such recommendations shall be presented not later than the April meeting of the Executive, otherwise candidates shall wait a year before entering the Training Home. There shall be a personal interview with at least two members of the Branch Executive before recommendation to the Board.

9. Each missionary candidate shall be required to attend a Methodist Training Home for seven months, or such time as the Executive Committee shall specify, taking up the course required in theology, and actively engaging in Christian work, as directed by the Superintendent of the Home, the expenses of such training to be borne by the Society when necessary.

NOTE.—In exceptional cases the Executive shall have power to suspend this rule.

10. It is recommended that candidates be expected to refund in instalments their expenses borne by the Society in the Deaconess Home.

11. Each missionary candidate shall pass an examination in the following course prescribed by the Board:

COURSE OF STUDY.

English Bible.
New Testament History (1916).
Old Testament History (1917).
Prophecy.
New Testament Introduction.
Life of Christ.
John and the First Epistle.
Life and Doctrines of Paul.
Practical Theology.
Comparative Religions.
Philosophy of Religions.
Church History.
Homiletics.
Public Prayer.
Personal Evangelism.
Social Reform.
First Aid.
Home Nursing and Preventive Medicine.
Physical Development of the Child.
Psychology.
Pedagogy.
Household Science.
History of Missions.
Constitution and Work of W. M. S.
Public Speaking.
Gymnasium.
Kindergarten Work.

Field Work—

Practical Kindergarten Work.
Social Observation.
Social Excursions.
Practical Nursing.
Playground Work.
Business Methods.

12. After the acceptance of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee.

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2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life-work, and are you willing to labor in any field?

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4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls for Christ, and how has this desire been manifested?

5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Church, as set forth in the Book of Discipline of said Church?

6. Have you any knowledge of the aims, constitution, methods and work of the Woman's Missionary Society?

7. Have you a good English education? Have you a certificate? If so, what grade?

8. Have you studied Latin, or any modern language? To what extent? Did you readily acquire the same?

9. In what schools have you taught?

10. Have you a knowledge of music? Vocal or instrumental?

11. Have you any proficiency in domestic lines, or aptitude therefor?

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13. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

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